

HOUSE BILL NO. 595

INTRODUCED BY M. CAFERRO

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING THE LOW-INCOME TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS; AND AMENDING SECTION 69-3-1002, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 69-3-1002, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-3-1002. Eligibility -- rules. (1) A residential subscriber with single telephone ~~line~~ service at the subscriber's principal residence is eligible for ~~low-income~~ low-income telephone assistance if the subscriber is:

(a) certified by the department of public health and human services as a recipient of medicaid benefits;

or

(b) an honorably discharged veteran who reports to the department of public health and human services an income of 150% or less than the federal poverty level.

(2) The department shall periodically certify and verify the eligibility of a subscriber to receive ~~low-income~~ low-income telephone assistance.

(3) The department may adopt rules to establish procedures for the certification and verification of eligible subscribers."

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